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CLOSED DOORS AND *Missed Opportunities*

It was time for Jeremy to go to bed. I entered his room after he brushed his teeth and took his bath. We read a story and said a prayer together. I tucked him into bed and gave him a goodnight kiss. I quietly left his bedside and went to the door. As I left his room, I closed the door part of the way, just so the light from the hallway wouldn't shine in his face. As the door closed, Jeremy called out, "Don't close the door all the way, Daddy!" Every night the ritual was the same. Even if he had fallen asleep during our time together, as I began to close the door Jeremy would still call out, "Don't close the door all the way, Daddy!"

When my son Jeremy entered his late teen years, it was then he would try to close the door on us... and I who would metaphorically call out to him,

"Please, don't close the door all the way, Son!"

As parents and childcare staff, we must never close doors nor allow our youth to shut us out of their lives. It is during these years that so many young people (in pursuit of their identity) follow their peers into many inappropriate and dangerous situations. Drug and alcohol use, sexual exploration, and poor choices in general often dominate the agenda of our teens. We mustn't be blind to the activities of our youth. Too many parents "bury their heads in the sand" as their teens "close the door" on

the very people who love them more than they will ever understand (until they become parents). It doesn't have to be this way. If necessary, stick your foot in the door and demand to be involved with your teens as they try to figure it all out. Help them understand that they will never be alone. Don't allow your teen to shut you out. Our society is full of broken families because of closed doors and missed opportunities. Don't let your family become one of them.

My challenge to biological, adoptive, and foster families everywhere...**keep the communication lines open** by being a parent/caregiver that is approachable and willing to listen to the really hard stuff that parents, quite frankly, really don't want to know. Let them know that you care too much to allow them to shut you out of their lives. Look for opportunities to spend time with your children. And never allow the door to close all the way.

We are blessed by your support!





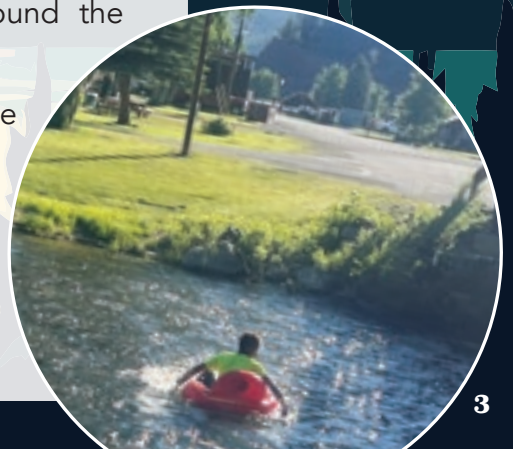
COLORADO TRIP

2023

Each summer, Charles Quisenberry takes the children from the Ranch on a summer vacation in Colorado. This trip is filled with many lessons, adventures, and memory-making moments. Charles' heart overflows with happiness toward each child throughout the five-day trip. All four cottages, house parents, and additional TxGBR staff attend to help make the week-long vacation memorable!

This year in Colorado, the children from the Ranch got to experience many new things that most of them have never had the opportunity to do before. Each day was filled with different activities that provided fun and irreplaceable memories. The children were taught how to prepare their own fishing poles, then enjoyed fishing, and even catching them for a yummy dinner. The children learned the basics of camping and assisted in setting up the tents. The entire group enjoyed a day at the natural hot springs which allowed everyone to admire God's great creation in a different element. A fan favorite was tubing in the river as a group. In the evenings, the children enjoyed activities provided by the campsite including karaoke, a street dance, and a parade. The days ended with homemade ice cream, s'mores, and fellowship around the campfire.

We are so thankful for Charles and everyone else who helps behind the scenes to make sure this trip happens smoothly. There are so many learning experiences and memories that the children will hold with them as they continue their daily journey with the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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As I write this article, triple digit temperatures dominate the 14-day forecast signaling the official and undeniable arrival of summer. School has ended and the summer scramble has begun. For kids and staff, I can equate their experience to what we feel many times when we go on vacation – while the change of pace, scenery, etc. is enjoyable, it can also be exhausting. Summer allows our caregivers to pour into children that have not had the opportunity to be children. It provides opportunities to create memories that would not have otherwise been available. It promotes connections between the children and healthy adults that might not have formed with more limited contact like during the school year. Knowing all of those benefits, our summer enrichment program is in full swing. Through intentional planning the summer enrichment program gives the kids a summer full of educational enrichment, summer work opportunities (for older children), church camp opportunities for almost all (some are too young) of the kids, water activities, hiking and camping adventures, actual vacations that most have never experienced before, horseback riding and equine therapy, and the list goes on. All of these activities require resources. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, our caregivers and staff have a variety of opportunities to pour into the children and give them a summer to remember. Thank you! And, for any of our caregivers reading this, "Thank You" for making a difference in the lives of our kids!

CAMPUS CORNER



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Our kids who live on campus also live on a working ranch. During the summer, the Ed/Rec director holds summer programming for all the kids in care. Our older kids get to be part of a summer work program and help during the summer programming. There is a rule in the gym that no food or drink are allowed, with large signage everywhere. I had the privilege of stepping in to help our Ed/Rec director while he was out of town. I showed up with a cup of coffee in my hand and yep, no lid on it. As kids were coming in, I enjoy greeting them with a "GOOD MORNING!" and "HOW YOU DOIN?" As I walked into the gym, one of the kids who loves to give hugs, zeroed in on me. As this child came in for a hug, my Spidey senses began to engage and I did an awkward "don't spill my coffee shuffle/swim move". Next thing, my coffee slipped from my hand and splashed on the floor and on my pants. The gym full of kids playing all yelled, "no drinks in the gym Mr. Adam!" I stood there staring at my Folgers saying, "this was not the best part of waking up". I had no words; I was embarrassed because they were right! I tried to use all the excuses in world to not take responsibility for my failure to read the signs. I asked a child to please grab me paper towels. I stood there waiting for towels while the kids kept reminding me of what I did...I couldn't catch a break. The child came back, followed by a 17yr old with paper towels and a face of disappointment. All I could say was, "hey yeah....my bad." Her response was shaking her head and saying, "yeah, no drinks allowed in the gym Mr. Adam. I heard the kids yelling from the gym, so I headed over with paper towels." After I cleaned up my mess, she said very calmly, "there's more coffee in the kitchen, help yourself," and then she walked out of the gym. I thought to myself, *wow, these kids run a tight ship here, they know what's up!* I am so proud of them! As I poured myself another cup of coffee in the kitchen, another older teen worker pops his head in and says, "uhm, you kill the joe, you make some mo', Mr. Adam." I slowly looked at him with "really?". He smiled and bolted and I racked the carafe back in the machine shaking my head, then yelled in a comedic voice out the kitchen "Hey! that's my line, kid!"

ED/REC/SPIRITUAL

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Life happens fast even in the best of circumstances. But when you are a child living at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch the chapters of life seem to fly by. Days, weeks, months, and seasons can flash before us in a blur if we don't take the time to make every page of our story count. Our programs are filled to the brim with activities and events that we hope will enrich the lives of every child we serve. We work hard to help our kids take the time to embrace every moment so that when the time comes for them to turn to the next page of life, they'll be ready.

FOSTER FOCUS

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Foster parents have an opportunity to be a source of support and encouragement not only for the foster child, but for the child's parents as well. Many of our foster parents have made connections with biological parents and have cheered them on as they were tackling the big issues that have brought their children into care. Parents must overcome many challenges such as addiction, homelessness, lack of employment, lack of parenting skills, mental health issues, and domestic violence. It is hard for them to get on their feet with so many obstacles to overcome. I am so proud of our foster families who wrap their arms around the entire family. Families who have support are much more likely to achieve their goals of having their children returned to them when they have a good support system. Over the years we have had children return to biological parents and those parents have kept in touch with the foster families because of the relationship they have made. It is a way of sharing Jesus with biological parents by showing his love and grace.

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

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The Shelter children finished the school year with an awesome year for the kids. We had an end-of-the-school-year pizza party. The children had a great time playing board games and had a dance-off competition against the staff. The residents took home the gold. We kicked off the summer with attending vacation bible school, going to the movies, weekly swimming, and bowling. A goodtime was had attending the Juneteenth parade and Fireworks Show at Maxey Park. The kids had a great experience and adventure at the Grand Canyon Park. Up next will be a Bahama Bucks tour along with taste testing of the old and new flavors. We will be taking a self-guided tour at the Ranching Heritage Center, Buddy Holly Hall, Jones AT&T stadium, as well as the United Spirit Arena. We will also be doing story time at the county libraries. The staff will be planning an end-of-the-summer bash for the children. The Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Children's Shelter will continue to show love through Jesus Christ, help heal the broken, and transform one life at a time. Our goal is to show love through Jesus and love as he has loved us.

Round

THE RANCH



FLOATING THE RIVER



FISHING FUN



BESTIES



HEADED OUT FOR A HIKE



LEARNING ABOUT WILDLIFE



MAKING A NEW FRIEND

SUMMER FUN!



VISIT TO THE ZOO



MEETING THE NEW FOAL



SHARK!



RODEO TIME!



NICE CATCH!



WHAT A CUTIE!

BACK TO SCHOOL



Sometimes I think we underestimate how much school means to children.

I say this because it is surprising to me the number of kids at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch who I hear saying they miss school when summer comes. Maybe it's because, for the first time in their lives, many of them are experiencing the support and encouragement they have lacked in the past.

Brayden is one such kid who is really missing school during the summer. When I questioned him about why he missed it so much his answer surprised me. He told me that it was because it was the first year he had done well in all his subjects and he missed his teachers. He also told me about how it was his first year in band- he plays the trombone- and he didn't want to get behind and forget the things he had learned the previous year.

I asked our education director about Brayden's progress since he had come to the Ranch. He told me about how Brayden had really struggled with most of his subjects and was in jeopardy of actually being held back a grade at the time he arrived. Since that time, however, Brayden had made vast improvements and was always eager to work with the tutors and put in extra effort if needed. He was really proud of his progress and had gained a lot of confidence over the past school year. This really touched me and helped me understand why Brayden missed school during the summer.

Brayden's success story is not an uncommon one among the children at TxGBR.

That's because we are passionate about providing a good education for the children we serve. When you make the decision to help with sending kids back to school, you aren't just ensuring they have the things they need for the classroom. You are ensuring that every child will be supported in whatever way they may need, whether at the Ranch or at school.

But we couldn't provide this support without your help.

We rely on the folks in our community, like you, who are as passionate about helping hurting girls and boys as we are, to help out in whatever way you





feel called to do. So, won't you prayerfully consider making the choice today to help out the kids at the Ranch with their back-to-school needs? You might even consider making your donation a recurring one, as school expenses are ongoing throughout the year.

A good education can make such a difference in the lives of children like Brayden. Won't you please use the card and envelope provided to send in your support today?

Thank you for helping provide a good education for the kids at the Ranch.

John Sigle,
TxGBR President

PS: You can always make a secure donation on our website at txgbr.org and designate it as Back to School.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT



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On our campus, a lot of our staff are busy preparing for back to school, but our Advancement Department has been working diligently on our annual Sparkles & Spurs Gala, which will be Thursday night, August 10th. This event is our only internal fundraiser, and we rely on the money raised to support the ongoing needs of the children in our care. The Gala is a fun event that allows us the opportunity to spend time with you, our good friends and donors. We pray that you will consider buying tickets or a table to join us as we share our mission and learn more about ways you can impact the lives of the children at the Ranch. If you cannot attend this year, would you please consider making a donation online and indicating Gala. We are so grateful for all of you who continue to financially support and pray for this important work for God's children. For more information, you can go to txgbr.org or contact Courtney Monk at 806-747-3187 or cmonk@txgbr.org.

CHURCH CONNECTION



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Summer is here and for most of us that means vacation, swimming, and cookouts. But we all know what's coming... back to school! At Texas Girls & Boys Ranch, we have to think about back-to-school months in advance. We have to plan for haircuts, new school outfits, and of course, school supplies. We at Texas Girls & Boys Ranch would love for CHURCHES, civic groups, and individuals to help us with back to school. A school supply drive would be a real blessing. We have a lot of kiddos that we have to send to school and that takes time and a lot of effort. Please consider helping us with this upcoming school year. Thank you and God bless.

Pencils, Pens blue/black/red, Highlighters, Spiral notebooks, Binders, Calculators, Color pencils, Crayons, Markers, College ruled notebook paper, Backpacks, Kleenex, Hand sanitizer

VOLUNTEERING



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We are constantly blessed by many volunteers and volunteer groups at the ranch, and this summer was no different. As the seasons changed and summer approached, there were many different projects that needed to be completed throughout the ranch, as well as countless opportunities to spend time with the children that we serve. This summer, volunteers have spent time making safe, therapeutic spaces at the ranch clean and enjoyable for the children to enjoy. We have been blessed by meals, play times, tutoring, and event support through our volunteers this summer. On August 10th, our 3rd Annual Sparkles & Spurs Gala will be held at The Overton Hotel & Conference Center. Individual tickets and table sponsorship will be available for purchase, as well as volunteer opportunities for this event. If you would like additional information regarding this event or volunteering, please contact me at 806-747-3187 ext. 105 or cmonk@txgbr.org.



Texas Girls & Boys Ranch
Unaudited Financial Report for Newsletter
For the Year Ended January 31, 2023

Operating Income		Operating Expenses	
Churches & Individuals	\$ 1,307,039	Residential Care - Ranch	1,504,816
Residential Care - Ranch	806,053	Foster Care	757,168
Foster Care	628,434	Children's Shelter	736,810
Children's Shelter	473,352	Ranch/agriculture expenses	249,699
Fundraising	165,742	Administration	367,195
Ranch income	11,419	Fundraising and development	364,247
Earnings from endowment	138,000	Total Expenses	<u>3,979,935</u>
Foundations, Trusts & Grants	589,523		
Other/Miscellaneous	12,927		
Total income	<u>\$ 4,132,489</u>	Net income or (Loss)	<u>152,554</u>



FY 2022

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT



222

clients served



91%

positive discharges

- 16 adoptions
- 64 family reunifications
- 2,655 therapy sessions



safe
in
care

100%

- 4,898 training hours
- 88% report felt safety
- 4 emergency behavior interventions



57 churches
provided support



debt
free



461

volunteers

1776

volunteer hours

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FOSTER CARE

SHELTER

CAMPUS

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CLIENTS

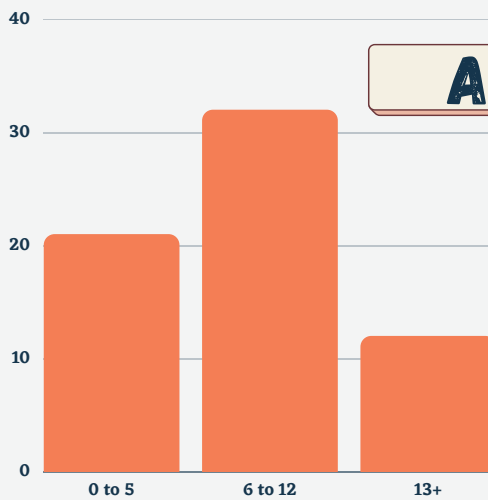
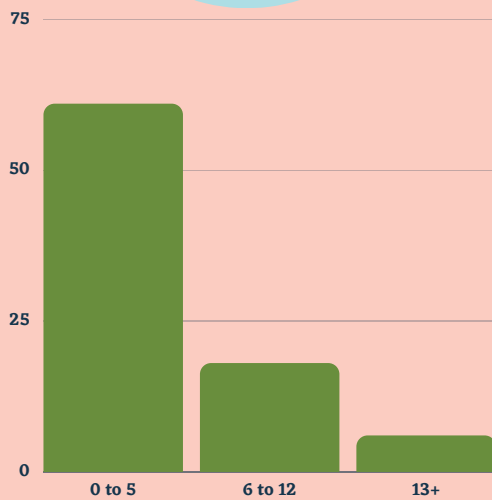
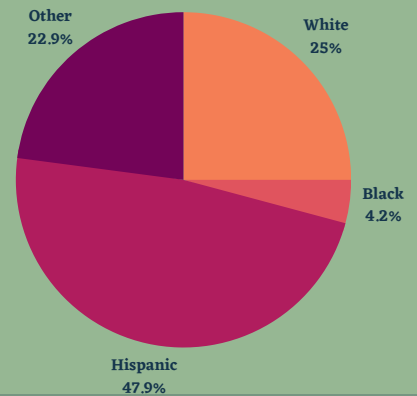
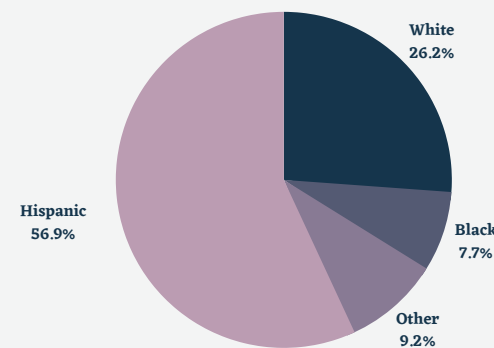
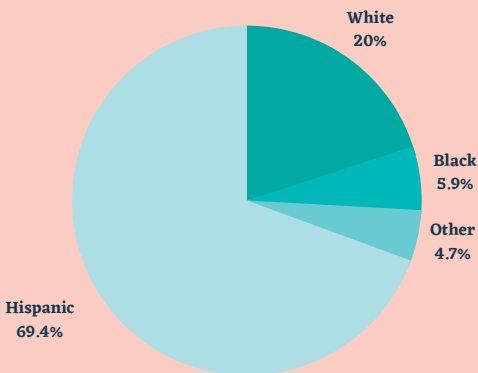
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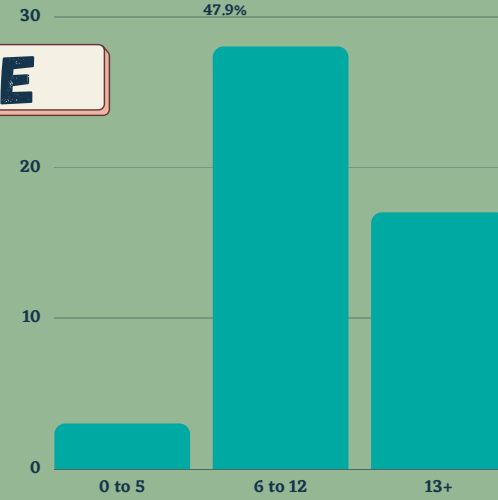
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RACE/ ETHNICITY



AGE



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AFTERCARE/ COMMUNITY SUPPORT CLIENTS



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That is a wonderful word filled with goodness and warmth. It's one of my favorites! It brings a smile to the face, and a glow to the heart. It is a word that expresses acceptance and belonging. It's often accompanied by a smile, an outstretched hand, and an open door. It tells us, "I'm glad to see you. You're important to me. It's good that you're a part of my life, and I want to be a part of yours."

"Welcome!" wraps us in a warm, secure blanket.

It's a simple word that we probably take for granted, expecting to hear it from our friends or family. We hear it so frequently and use it as often.

"Welcome!" is not a familiar term to many of the children we serve, however. Many are unaccustomed to being wanted and cherished. They have not been told, "You are important to me," with actions that support the sentiment. The young people who come to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch have learned through experience that others are unreliable, at best, and dangerous, at worst. It's best to keep an emotional distance and a tough barrier to protect themselves from a harsh world. And if they are to survive, they must take care of themselves. Many have the understanding that they are simply unlovable and not worthy of any kind of goodness.

These are the scars of repeated abuses, of physical neglect, of emotional starvation that are so difficult to overcome. But through your financial partnership, lives are in fact being changed. Because of your generosity, these wounded hearts are learning that there is goodness in the world, and they are worthy of receiving it. Your compassion is spilling over into young lives today and helping to reframe their distorted and twisted thinking, allowing these precious little ones to lower their barriers and open up to the healing that love provides.

When you choose to include Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Foundation in your will, you join a special group of like-minded people whose compassion and generosity extend beyond their own lifetimes. Your hands of welcome will reach down through the ages as the impact of your gift will be felt by generations of children. Would you consider creating such a blessing?

Perhaps you would like to see the impact of your gift today but want to be certain that tomorrow will be taken care of as well. There are numerous ways you can do that, and we are available to help you determine which would best accomplish your needs, goals, and dreams. Children today are desperate to feel the embrace of goodness in their lives, and you can provide that.

However you choose to engage with this ministry of Christ-centered healing, know that your gifts to Texas Girls & Boys Ranch Foundation are extending open arms of welcome to those who need to hear that word most. Yours are the open arms in the middle of the night to the frightened girl clinging to her blanket. Yours are the strong hands that lift up and encourage the beaten down boy. Yours are the gentle fingers that wipe away the tears of the abandoned child.

Yours are the welcoming hands of Jesus.

Contact Eric at the Foundation office at (806) 749-1103 or ecreel@TxGBRFoundation.org for more information on how you can extend the love of Jesus. Or visit www.tbrfoundation.org for more information on options for wise giving.

MEMORIAL AND LIVING HONOR GIFTS

April 1 - June 30, 2023

Memorial and Living Honor gifts are made to honor loved ones and friends, while also providing care for children who desperately need help. We are deeply grateful to the many people who show their affection and respect for their loved ones in this very special way.

MEMORIALS

Amburn, Denise & Jody

Joe & Mandi Amburn/ Tedburn Investments, Inc.

Barber, David

Stephanie Stewart

Boyles, William David

Lelan Pack

Brashears, Tommy

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

Brillhart, Melissa Kay

Mary Ann Bridges

Brown, Robert F.

Randy & Ann Hooks

Cameron, Candace

Randy & Ann Hooks

Carrizalez, Danny

Jerry Dennis

Churchwell, Tom

Doug & Molly Howell

Criswell, Gary

Barbara Robbins

Damron, Sam

Linda Middleton

Durbin, Pauline

Manny & Shirley Beetz

Ethridge, Daymon

Walter & Willa Didway

Fletcher, Danny

Jimbo & Winona Humphreys

Granato, Tregg

Zach Holtzman/ Holtzman Wealth Strategies

John & Karen Tidwell

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

Hardin, Ann

Neil & Sheila Tucker

Harms, Elisabeth

Donnie & Jeannie Marrow

Delwin & Ann Marrow

Harper, Sarah

Johnie & Cynthia Harper

Henson, Betty

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

Hernandez, Jose H.

Linda Middleton

Horner, Mark

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

Howard, Darlene Woody

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Billy & Traci Cheek

Ronnie & Toni Dubois

Sherri Ernst

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Rick & Jean Nudelman

Redbud Lions Club

Robin Williford

Howard, Sue

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Hyde, Lane R.

Dick & Laurie Hyde

Keesee, Zachary

Mike Davison

Don & Suann Parrish

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

Jet & Gay Lynn

Long, Elbert Milton

William & Kathie Walker III

Lowrey, Jerry

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

Mahan, Kent

Terry & Kelly Crofoot

Martinez, Rufus

Randy & Ann Hooks

McAdams, Estelle

Ty & Mary Wilmeth

McCoy, Michelle

Randy & Ann Hooks

Moody, Weldon

Randy & Gay King

Poulson, Cynthia

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Price, Troy

Guy & Shawna Yarborough

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Sherrod, Dan

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Smith, John

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Smith, Leon

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Neil & Sheila Tucker

Thompson, Tommy Lee

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SPARKLES & SPURS *gala*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM



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**JOIN TEXAS GIRLS & BOYS RANCH FOR OUR
3RD ANNUAL SPARKLES & SPURS GALA**
BENEFITTING THE CHILDREN SERVED BY TXGBR



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For more information about the Gala go to our website
txgbr.org or call Courtney at 806.747.3187 ext. 105